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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : ~~Thierry Boon-Falleur~~, et al.
Serial No. : ~~09/782,745~~
Filed : February 13, 2001
For : ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES WHICH ENCODE
GAGE GENES AND USES THEREOF
Group Art Unit : 1644
Examiner : M. DiBrino

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE

This is submitted in response to the Notice dated January 28, 2003. The examiner contends that the papers are not responsive because they do not show the changes made to page 32, lines 2-11.

Not so. There was only a single change made. Specifically, a comma was added, after "25" in the last line of the passage. The comma is underlined.

Hence, there is no reason for the action, it should be withdrawn, and substantive action on the merits must now occur.

Should the examiner not agree, a conference call with the Group Director is requested. Should the examiner issue further notices of non-responsiveness, applicants will take the matter up with the Group Director.

Respectfully submitted,

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